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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Marcus Houston on being named the 2010 Man of the Year by Abraham McKissack Lodge #1489.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Marcus Houston, who was recently named the 2010 Man of the Year by Abraham McKissack Lodge #1489 in recognition of his many years of community involvement; and

WHEREAS, as Senior Banking Executive at First Farmers and Merchants Bank, Mr. Houston works assiduously to promote Giles County and improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, the son of Mark T. and Mollie Simmons Houston, Marcus Houston is a native of Giles County; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Giles County High School in 1985, Mr. Houston earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from the University of Memphis in 1989; he is also a graduate of the Southeastern School of Banking, Owens School of Management, Vanderbilt University, which he attended from 2000 to 2002; and

WHEREAS, Marcus Houston's remarkable career path began as a salesperson with Woolworth/Footlocker in 1990, in which capacity he served with acumen and alacrity; promoted to store manager in 1992, his adroit management skills led to his being named district store manager and designated training manager from 1994 to 1996; and

WHEREAS, in 1997, Mr. Houston embarked upon a new career in the banking industry; after training in Charlotte, North Carolina, as well as Charleston, South Carolina, in the management associate program of NationsBank, he was named Branch Manager of the Eau Claire Branch, Columbia, South Carolina, where he remained until 2000; and

WHEREAS, Marcus Houston the returned home to Pulaski to work with the team at Community Bank, now First Farmers and Merchants Bank, where he currently serves as Giles County Senior Banking Executive; and

WHEREAS, seeking to make his community an even better place to live and work, Mr. Houston is a dedicated civic leader who has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order through his work with numerous boards and organizations, including serving as President of the Pulaski Housing Authority, President of Giles County Habitat For Humanity, Executive Board Member and former Treasurer of the Boys & Girls Club of Pulaski, Board Member of the Child Development Center, Executive Board Member of Pulaski Electric, Industrial Development Board Member, Senior Citizens Center Member, Hope Alive, Inc. Board Member, and Chairman of the Giles County Charter Revision Committee; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Marcus Houston is fortunate to share both love and companionship with his wife, Angela Brooks Houston, and their two daughters, Chandler Avontii Houston and Ireland Gia'Vaughna Houston; and

WHEREAS, the Houstons are active and devout members of the Taylor Street Church of Christ, where Mr. Houston serves as Associate Minister; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Houston epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud Marcus Houston for his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and commend Marcus Houston for his meritorious service to the State of Tennessee,

congratulate him upon being named the 2010 Man of the Year by Abraham McKissack Lodge #1489, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.